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EDITORIAL

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Our brother, Dr. B. D. Gray, of Birmingham, resigns the office of vice-president of the Home Mission Board, because of his pressing duties with his church and Howard College.

REV. G. H. CARTER, who was once the beloved pastor at Starkville, Miss., has recently settled as pastor at Jackson, Ga. May great success attend his efforts.

WE note that Dr. D. B. Ray has retired from the editorial management of The American Baptist Flag, of St. Louis, and Bro. M. M. Hamlin, the business manager assumes control.

BROTHER FARISH says, "the only New Testament bishop in the world is an humble Baptist pastor." That being true, it is not a little interesting to observe how some Baptists today around a Methodist or an Episcopalian who wears that title.

EVERY reader of this paper can help us if they will. Only show your paper to those you meet; call attention to its make-up, contents and price, and ask them to subscribe. You will be surprised at the number that will take the paper if thus approached. Try it, beloved, and see.

THE ordination (?) of Mr. Ballington Booth by a company of men claiming to be ministers of Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational, and Reformed Episcopal orders, may be "up to date" as a modern religious performance, but as to Bible warrant or precedent, it is "without form and void," and is a shameful mockery of sacred things.

We met Bro. W. T. Turner, one of our college men, at the depot at Jackson in passing, and learned that his church, Union in Amite county, had recently enjoyed a gracious revival, and a gain in membership of ten.

other good meetings of recent which we hope soon to receive and publish for the encouragement of our people.

THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION.

We joined Secretary Rowe at Jackson on Thursday, and together we took the south-bound I. C. train for McComb City, where we were cordially received into the home of our beloved Bro. S. W. Sibly and the good wife, who so gracefully does the honors of that well ordered home.

It was prayer-meeting night and a good congregation was present, with whom we had a very pleasant and helpful service and to whom we tried, by request, to preach a short sermon. The brethren compensated us fully by close attention and due appreciation. The glow of the recent revival, wherein the beloved D. I. Purser labored with great acceptability and effectiveness, was still apparent, telling that the church had enjoyed a great uplift. Bro. Sibly and his good wife hold a warm place in the affections of the church and walk upon the high places of Zion.

After a restful night and an early breakfast, we set out in company with Brethren Sibly, Rowe, Hurt and three young brethren whose names we forget for the Mississippi Association and at the end of a pleasant drive of three or four hours in a buggy, took up at Mt. Olive church, 18 miles southwest of McComb City, in Amite county. That strong and venerable body, the Mississippi Association, in its 90th annual assembly, the "mother of us all," was already in session, with Bro. J. E. Stewart in the chair and Brethren J. H. Lane and E. Gardner reading the letters. The organization was perfected by the election of Brethren E. A. Bates as moderator, T. C. Schilling, clerk, and T. J. Hewitt, treasurer. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. T. C. Schilling, from Matt. 12 and 42, "A greater than Solomon is here." The sermon was a clear delineation of what constitutes the true greatness of the Christ and was well calculated to remind us that He was entirely worthy to be our Master and that we ought to esteem ourselves most happy in being allowed to be His servants, and that all our abilities should be employed in His service.

The reports on missions, Sunday Schools, ministerial education, publications, sustentation, plan of work, temperance and some others, were all written up in good shape and some of them finely discussed, and all of them well received. THE RECORD man had ample time to talk for the paper and was well received by the brethren. A very large proportion of the messengers and others were found to be already subscribers and well-nigh all the remainder became so by the close of the session.

The new style of the paper seemed to suit the people exactly, and many encouraging words were spoken in its favor.

body and the churches demand more of the brethren. We allude to the condition of affairs existing in the association, resulting

from the course and preaching of Bro. M. T. Martin. Resolutions, calling some of his views in question in terms of censure, were presented and discussed at length on Saturday and laid over till Monday, when the matter was again taken up and a substitute adopted, providing for a full and free discussion of the whole matter in the columns of THE BAPTIST RECORD between Bro. Martin and a representative man of our faith, that all may know just what Bro. Martin's views are and what they are worth. As this is to be done at an early day, we refrain here from any comments or further allusions to the matter, except to say that there is considerable difference and conflict of opinion among the brethren about the matter, and no little hurtful unrest and disharmony. It is devoutly hoped that a satisfactory solution of the whole matter will be reached by means of this discussion and an end put to this unhappy state of affairs.

The Sabbath was pretty well taken up with preaching services, there being four sermons during the day. THE RECORD man held forth at 11 a. m. to a full and most attentive house, and we trust, to their profit. At the same hour Bro. W. J. Weathersby spoke to a large congregation in the grove near by and, as we learned, greatly to the enjoyment and edification of the people. At 2:30 p. m. we were with great pleasure Bro. Thomas Lansdel in the house, on "true Christian union," a most practical, suggestive and helpful sermon. At the same hour Bro. S. W. Sibly held a large congregation in close and happy attention in the grove on the subject of "God's electing and supervising grace toward his children." It was a day long to be remembered, for the gracious messages God sent by His servants to his people. Bro. Bates wielded the gavel with marked courtesy and grace and all seemed pleased with his administration, and we have especial pleasure in saying that Bro. Schilling, as we saw it, has no superior if indeed he has an equal as clerk of an association. The record of his minutes, as he read them at the conclusion of the sessions for correction and adoption, was one of the most interesting papers of the occasion. We cheerfully tie the blue ribbon on him as the prince of associational clerks.

Bro. Hewitt's work as treasurer, was well done and highly satisfactory. The hospitality of the people was full beyond the limit of abundance and their cordiality most transparent and assuring, both as it referred to the magnificent dinners on the ground and the entertainment of messenger and visitors in their homes.

We shall ever hold in grateful remembrance Brethren Iverson, Lee and Williams and their noble wives for their great

ous to mention, but their names and good will, will ever remain fragrant in our memory, and we

shall not cease to be grateful to them and to pray for their continued soul and material prosperity.

We found Bro. Silas Thompson, one of the oldest and said to be one of the most useful ministers and missionaries in the body, still with them. It would be difficult to find a more earnest and successful missionary of the Cross in our State, judging from the number of churches he has organized and the amount of other good work he has done and is still doing. He is deservedly held in high esteem.

We met Bro. Thomas Lansdel for the first time, who was long the beloved pastor of our "Miss Emma" and do not wonder now that she has always professed such love and admiration for him.

Brethren J. H. Lane, T. C. Schilling and E. Gardner are strong men, both in and out of the pulpit, are held in highest esteem by the brethren and are men whose ability would secure them recognition and favor in any community. There were other excellent and able brethren who, with these, are doing a great work for the Master.

After another restful night in the hospitable and well ordered home of Bro. and Sister Sibley, at McComb City, whose kindness will be ever green with us, we took our departure for home, which we reached in due time, and are now hard at work again in the office to make up for the time spent out among the people.

It has been a little difficult to get paper just suited to our new form, of quality and size as we wished it, but we see our way out now and soon will have a large lot of good paper that will insure the best issues in the future. Very much more was involved in the change than we had thought in many ways, but we are glad we have so nearly gotten through and are on safe ground.

"BAPTIST Peculiarities," in this issue, by Bro. Searcy, is a reproduction of an article that was printed in that issue of the paper some months ago—about 4 or 5—that was broke half in two by getting wet in the office in a great flood of rain. Only one-half of the whole paper reached our subscribers, while the other half went out with a whole blank side. We promised then to reprint it and now make the promise good. The article is good enough for every Baptist in the State to read and preserve.

AN American who was traveling in the hills of Scotland, paid ten dollars for a first-class ticket for a stage-coach ride over the mountains. Soon after the start, he noticed that a man who had a second-class ticket, which cost five dollars, and several who had third-class tickets, price two dollars and a half, were

cluded that the man who had gotten the better of him, but decided to hold his peace and pay for the experience. When

the end of the journey was reached, at evening, however, the traveler had changed his mind; he felt he had had his money's worth. For every time that day when the coach came to the foot of a steep hill, the horses were stopped, and the driver called out, "First-class passengers, keep your seats; second-class passengers, get out and walk; third-class passengers, get out and push." And they all did so every time.—Harper's Round Table. This describes the condition of some or many of our Baptist churches, only it is the first-class members who walk and do the pushing.

WE learn, incidentally, that the Young People's leader has been discontinued, and the Southern Baptist Young People's Union will soon issue a monthly paper as its organ. We shall hail the new paper with great pleasure, and accord it and the secretary, Bro. John D. Jordan, who we suppose will be editor, our best wishes for the largest success in the work among our young people.

BAPTIST affairs in Texas afford a spectacle just now of curious interest to men, whatever view God and angels may take of it. At their late convention at Houston, most of the time, it seems, was taken up trying an editor, Dr. S. A. Hayden, for too much freedom of speech and of the press—a great Baptist principle. A very determined effort was made to unseat him as a member for alleged criticisms of their mission methods. We do not suppose just such a procedure was ever indulged in before in a Baptist body. Texas Baptists, however, are unique if anything, and the unexpected is likely at any time to turn up. A Mississippian, it seems, had the honor to make the proposition that saved somewhat the situation. He presented a substitute for the resolution of excision, which whittled it down to one of censure and a request for better treatment in the future, which seemed to relieve the pressure. Of course Hayden will take the hint and henceforth try to be good. We haven't seen the books that lie back of all of this controversy and don't know what about it, but have no doubt there is a little fire underneath so much smoke. But after all, if there was not so much bad blood among the people, stirred up by their vexatious "paper question," we have no doubt the matter of mission expenses, agents salaries and retrenchment would come in for a far more dispassionate consideration, and be much more easily and safely adjusted. When people, even Baptist people, sow to the wind, they may expect to reap the whirlwind. If they would listen to the "still small voice" of truth and justice, sowing and even when whirling, the matters of the kingdom would go on far more orderly and in peace.

OUR FIELD GLASS.

Dr. D. B. Ray has retired from editorial connection with the American Baptist Flag and Dr. M. M. Hamlin, the business manager, becomes also editor.—Rev. G. H. Carter, the former pastor of the Starkville church, again becomes pastor at Jackson, Ga. It will be remembered that when Bro. Carter first left our State, he went to Jackson, and thence to Gainesville. He now returns to his former charge.—Our dear Bro. R. A. Cohron, who has lately been with his son-in-law, Bro. E. B. Lowry, at Forest, during a spell of typhoid fever, has had a busy summer's work, having done more preaching with better results, he thinks, than any previous year of his life. More than fifty have been added to the churches where he has gone preaching the gospel. The secret of these results is found in these words: "We have made it constantly our aim to secure the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit." We rejoice in this evidence of God's blessing upon the labors of our dear brother. May he be blessed more and more.—Dr. B. D. Gray, Birmingham, Ala., on account of the pressure of pastoral duties and of labor for Howard College, has resigned as vice-president for Alabama of the Home mission Board.—We congratulate Bro. E. E. Thornton and wife on the advent of a young gentleman in their family, who has come to stay. He is said to have "a strong voice and seemingly all the elements (undeveloped) for goodness, greatness and usefulness." "We are happy," says the father. May their highest hopes be realized in this new member of their family.—The Starkville saints, ever progressive, are still moving forward. The good women had already covered the entire floor with Brussels carpet, now the membership propose to put in furnaces to heat the building and take out the stoves, which are always a source of annoyance and dirt. One of the deacons says: "We want to make the Lord's house as attractive as we can. It takes so much to draw us from the world; and then we want to attract sinners and induce them thus to hear the Word, for has not the Lord said: 'May word shall not return unto me void' and we must get them to hear." May blessings rest more and more upon these dear people.—By the way, there will be a handsome engraving of the Starkville church edifice in our History of Mississippi Baptists. All who attended the convention will remember what an attractive and substantial building the Starkville saints have.—Dr. J. B. Searcy, of Corinth, is soon to be with Pastor Sellers at Starkville in a meeting of days. May the Lord be with them in great power and give showers of blessings in their labors of love.—We have received and read with much pleasure Vol. 1, No. 1, of "The Developer," a neat and attractive folio, edited by Dr. O. L. Hailey, Fort Smith, Ark., principally for the benefit of his own membership. In a large church like his, Bro. Hailey feels the need of a pastor's helper, and, extending a little further, the association needs such a publication to stimulate and develop them in their special work. It's a read-

right and a happy church to exist? he will send a copy of "The Developer" with the tract.—Bro. Hailey is now in a meeting with his church, no visiting brother helping, but pastor and people laboring together for the Master's cause. May blessings be upon their labors.—Our dear brother, A. B. Hicks, Bellefontaine, writes: "I feel so thankful that you have been spared through your long illness and that you are up and at the Lord's work again. You had my earnest prayers for your recovery." [We are grateful for this—F.] Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Hicks and wife in the long sickness of the latter. We are glad to know that she is now recovering, and trust she may soon be convalescent.—Bro. Hicks has been blessed in his pastoral work this year. He has received seventy-six into his four churches, forty by baptism. He mentions the "marriages at 2 p. m., Wednesday Sept. 30, at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Ware, of Miss Edna Ware, of Sallis, to Mr. Oscar Lamb of Eupora, by Rev. F. G. Freeman. Miss Edna is a member of the Methodist church and is possessed of a sweet Christian spirit. Mr. Lamb is a traveling salesman for a well known firm in St. Louis. May happiness and success attend them in life." We are always glad to hear from Bro. Hicks and appreciate his Christian spirit.—Receipts to the Orphanage will be published next week.—Rev. T. J. Bailey retires from the editorial chair of the Layman, and Dr. J. L. Johnson becomes half owner and editor in his stead. The good doctor is a master of English, a vigorous and forcible writer. He is still connected with his Columbus church.

THAT "INTERESTING DISCUSSION."

In a brief paragraph last week we announced that there would probably be a discussion right soon in the columns of THE BAPTIST RECORD of the doctrinal views of Rev. M. T. Martin, to which many have taken serious exception and about which there is no little disagreement and conflict. We deemed it best after hearing what the brethren had to say about the matter to yield to their request to change our well known policy and permit the discussion to take place in THE RECORD.

Of course we could not undertake to write any Baptist down in the paper, whatever might be his peculiarities or errors with out allowing him an equal chance to reply for his defense. For this reason, we have made the condition that the man to meet Bro. Martin must be a thoroughly representative man as to scholarship and ability. The principal reason for this discussion is that Bro. Martin claims that his views, as published heretofore, are misunderstood and misinterpreted, and that in the discussion he will have the opportunity of setting himself right and everybody will know exactly what he does teach.

We deem this a good reason for we have no doubt if he had expected that his views, as expressed in his writings, would have met with the criticism they have, he would have studied to be as clear in his expression as possible. In this discussion he will have an opportunity to say

appointed committee to select the man who will discuss those points of difference in THE RECORD with Bro. Martin, that all may know just what they are, and after that such a course will be taken by the churches as they may deem wise and fit. That committee has not reported to us as to who they have secured to represent the association, and we are not in a position to say who he will be, although we know who is in mind. We will give but his name as soon as the committee authorizes us to do so. We feel assured that this will be one of the most interesting, if not important, discussions that has recently been conducted in THE RECORD, and think it well that everyone should read it. It will probably run through several months and will be worth preserving. Whoever wants to begin at the beginning and keep up with the discussion, should send at once for the paper.

The subscription price, as you all know, has been reduced to \$1.50, which puts it in the reach of all. We shall be glad to be kept quite busy for the next few days or weeks entering names for the paper to get this discussion. Send the money (\$1.50) with the name if you can, but send the name any way, and then the money as soon as you can afterward.

BESIDES a round sum in cash and a long list of new names for THE RECORD, Bro. J. R. Farish brings home from the Coldwater Association, glowing reports of the fine meeting they had. He says they are sound to the core, and believe in and love THE BAPTIST RECORD, as if it had a local habitation in their midst. We hope to have a good report of that great body's work for our next issue.

CHRONICLES.

L. A. D.

Through the kindness of the President of Stone College, the Chronicle was able to attend the Bethel Association, which met Saturday, the 10th inst., with Ebenezer church, say 11 miles south of the city. The attendance was large, especially from the surrounding country. Seventeen churches were represented, including three just received. Four failed to report at all.

Elder I. E. Brunson was elected moderator, and Elder J. L. Williams, clerk and treasurer. The introductory sermon was preached by Dr. R. A. Venable, by special request. Elders L. M. Stone, W. S. Culppepper, J. M. Phillips, W. J. David and others were received as messengers from the Chickasaw Association; while Liberty was represented by Elder Ellis and Bro. Rawlins; the General Association by Bro. A. F. Emdley, and the State Convention by the writer.

This association begins to show marked development. The reports presented were well written and ably discussed. On Lord's Day the writer gave a black-board lecture, and Elder W. S. Culppepper followed with an excellent discourse. In the afternoon Elder J. M. Phillips preached the closing sermon of the day. The house could not hold the gathering; many being

The Chronicle is indebted for

White, Bro. Morton and Bro. George Bunyard, and their kind families—also to Bro. J. M. Phillips. It was a pleasant meeting with old friends, and to notice the signs of prosperity since the prohibition campaign of some years ago. But to return to the association; it adjourned Monday afternoon at Oak Grove, near Meridian, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in October 1897.

A protracted meeting was begun last week at Highland church, of which Dr. L. M. Stone is pastor. He had the direct assistance of Elder W. S. Culppepper, whose earnest preaching was greatly appreciated, and can but be attended with great results. Owing to sickness of the pastor, the meeting was closed with Sunday morning's services. Further, Bro. Culppepper had arranged for a meeting to commence at Pachuta where he is pastor, and Elder W. J. David had gone to help him.

Dr. Venable preached an able sermon on doctrine Sunday morning to his people; and Pastor Gay was greeted by a good congregation. The usual services were held at our other churches: Elder I. M. Phillips was to preach at Fifteenth Avenue, but was sick. Bro. Phillips is visiting the churches in our vicinity in the interest of the colportage work—circulating the Bible and other good books. He is cordially received everywhere.

The work of Bro. J. M. Sammons in the Hobolochitto Association has been quite successful, so far, and without cost to our committee. On the other hand, Liberty has paid in \$7.00, and promised \$10 towards our deficit; Bethlehem, \$26.22, and Lebanon is raising its share. Except the Shubuta church, nothing has yet been done by Chickasaw—but is only waiting for information. About \$40 will be needed outside of present pledges.

A notice appears in the Examiner of the death of Rev. B. B. Gibbs, October 9th, in New York City. There are still living Mississippians who will remember him as pastor of the Natchez church in 1848-9, and as a visitor of communities in Warren, Hinds, etc. In some of his travels the Chronicle was with him. Unless it be Bro. E. C. Eager, now of Clinton, there is probably not a minister in the State who remembers Bro. Gibbs and his labors when a young man.

We are receiving new subscriptions and renewals every day and are glad. We could, however, be much more so if our brethren realized our need just now and would multiply their remittances indefinitely.

NEWS ITEMS.

The General Association meets Saturday with Mt. Pleasant church, four miles from Chunkey Station, on the A. & V. railroad. Visitors will find conveyances at the station, furnished by friends to take them to the church.

The president of Stone College, who has been quite ill for a few days, is out again, and hopes to attend the General Association. Dr. Hackett and the Chronicle

possibly Dr. Venable and others

account of sickness, greatly to his disappointment, as he purposed to canvass the region round about in the colportage work. We trust that he will soon be well enough to resume his labors.

Among the distinguished visitors to Meridian this week, we note Gen. Walthall, one of Mississippi's noble Senators. He addressed an overflowing house at the City Hall Monday night on the financial question of the day—bimetallism.

There may not have been much money made, but Meridian has had an active trade lately, as evidenced by the number of wagons coming and going, and busy merchants. New buildings are still going up, and there continues an active demand for residences.

Chickasaw Association Fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Clear Creek church, six miles east of Shubuta, convening Saturday, Nov. 29, at 10 a. m. A large attendance is expected. The program will be published at an early day.

A note from Bro. J. R. Sample, of Summit, reminds us that the resolutions calling the views of Rev. M. T. Martin in question before the Mississippi Association were laid on the table indefinitely. Then the resolutions asking for space in THE RECORD for discussion were adopted—also agreeing to leave the matter in the future with the churches.

Revival News.

DEAR DR. HACKETT:—I have just closed my first year's work as pastor of the Plano, Texas, Baptist church. The Lord has abundantly blessed my labors here. During the year I have baptized sixty-six into the membership of the church, besides receiving by letter and restoration thirty-six, making a total of one hundred and two. We dismissed by letter and exclusion thirty-five, leaving a net gain of sixty-seven to the church membership. The members are at peace and our services largely attended.

The church has also prospered financially, notwithstanding the hard times. We had a debt on the pastor's home a year ago, but that has been paid off and about two hundred dollars worth of improvement done on the same. During the year, the church contributed something over twenty-two hundred dollars to all purposes, which enabled us to close the year out of debt and have a small surplus in the treasury.

I have been able to hold meetings with brother pastors some during the summer, and in each place the Lord gave us glorious revivals.

In one place, in a meeting of eleven days, there were 39 conversions almost all of whom joined the church. Another meeting of six days and 16 conversions and 20 accessions to the church. Another of nine days and nine conversions, all of whom joined the church at once.

May first year in Texas has been exceedingly pleasant and I am delighted with my new field of labor. May God bless THE RECORD. Enclosed please find my check for \$2.00 which I believe pays my subscription up to

Very truly yours,

Central Association.

The writer had the privilege and pleasure of spending three days with this body in its fifty-first session, held with the church at Utica, beginning Oct. 9. Of the thirty-four churches in the association all were represented but four.

Bro. W. T. Ratliff, who had served the body for thirty years, at different times, as clerk, treasurer and moderator, asked to be excused from serving the association officially, and J. H. Whitfield was elected moderator, and the other two officers of former sessions were re-elected, to wit: J. S. Riser, clerk, and Wm. Bell, treasurer.

Among the visitors were Elds. G. W. Riley, of Brookhaven, B. R. Hughey, of Ackerman and S. R. Young, of Martin and Bro. C. T. Breden, of the Fair River Association.

By appointment of the previous session, H. F. Sproles and P. A. Haman read excellent papers on "How to get our people to give to the objects fostered by our denomination." These papers were referred to a special committee of five, that made a report, which, if practically adopted by all our churches, would serve not only to replenish the treasuries of our mission boards, but also to develop the grace of giving in our people.

The appointee being absent, by request of the association the annual sermon was preached at night by G. W. Riley to a large and appreciative congregation.

The reports of Mississippi College, ministerial education, missions, sustentation and publications were read and freely discussed. As I had to leave before the close, I did not hear the reports of the closing day. The preaching by different brethren was generally good—so were the speeches.

The hospitality of the Utica people, led by their big-hearted pastor, I. H. Anding, was abundant. Here are some of the sayings of the brethren at the Central.

"Not one-half of the Baptists in Mississippi take a church paper, hence they don't know what the denomination is doing, and of course, feel no interest in our work."—J. F. Norman.

"The ideal Christian home on earth is the purest and sweetest type of heaven."—G. W. Riley in sermon.

"We ought to be very charitable when things do not go to please us."—S. M. Ellis on Mississippi College.

"We do not want too large an endowment for Mississippi College—an endowment that will take it out of touch with the people."—F. L. Riley.

"Agitation is the price of success in school work, as in everything else, and when we cease to have cause to agitate the college work, so much worse will it be for the college."—F. L. Riley.

"We have always needed Mississippi College, because it invites the boys of poor parents to enter its portals and enjoy its advantages as no other college does."—J. L. Pettigrew.

"I think we ought to emphasize the fact that Mississippi College is not only a school for poor Baptists, but rich Baptists also."—H. F. Sproles.

"The money paid an agent to go out and represent the college is the best investment made for the college."—W. T. Ratliff.

Very truly yours,

on state missions.

"Back of all our writing and speeches touching the work of missions, we need love to inspire us to do the work."—L. H. Anding.

Christianity towers above every thing else, and suffers nothing by comparison with other religions."—Henry Bennett.

"We are to ignore tribal lines and go over them and beyond them and carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth."—J. P. Hemby.

"Eleven-fourteenths of the human family or 11,000,000 people are without a knowledge of Christ."—J. P. Hemby.

"The Lord knows where He's leading. Maybe, I don't want to follow."—F. L. Riley.

Such was the harmony and good feeling pervading all the proceedings of this meeting, that it was a real feast to this scribe to be present, and while it was his first visit to the Central, he sincerely trusts, that it shall not be his last.

H. M. LONG.

We announce, for the convenience of all concerned, that our brother, Dr. J. R. Sample, of Summit, will receive and receipt for all back dues, renewals and new subscriptions to THE BAPTIST RECORD. We hope all who find it convenient to do so will interview Bro. Sample, who will be glad to serve them.

DEAR RECORD:—Your correspondent has just had the pleasure of spending a few days very pleasantly with the church at Pleasant Hill, Clarke county. I found the pastor and his people with their neat, new church house complete and ready for the dedication sermon, which I preached to a large congregation, on the fifth Sabbath ultimo.

The meeting was continued several days and resulted in six for baptism and a revival in the church and community. Bro. Vaughn, of Cuba, Ala., helped us with the preaching, and we were much gratified to find that in his case zeal appears to increase with age.

Bro. Williams, the beloved and wide-awake pastor, has a warm place in the hearts of his people and he can well afford to be grateful for his great success in his work there.

The church is fifty years old nearly, and has a history which is unique with interest. Its present clerk—Bro. May—has been clerk for nearly twenty-five years, consecutively, and we are free to say that his church record is the most complete of any that we have ever seen. I can't in this brief article enter into details to describe it, but would suggest that it will be well worth the trouble for any clerk to investigate his method.

With gratitude to the pastor and his people for the kindness shown the writer and with the prayer that God's blessing may be with them, I remain, as ever,

L. E. HALL,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Copiah Association.

In company with the Hattiesburg bishop, Rev. J. K. Pace, behind his splendid bay, I rode out the morning of October 1 to Sardis church, to be present at the meeting of the Copiah Association. As my membership was with this old church, when I was a young man, touching missions, and

on state missions. "Back of all our writing and speeches touching the work of missions, we need love to inspire us to do the work."—L. H. Anding.

Very truly yours,

friends, that I journeyed thither. But, alas, what changes have been wrought in the 27 years that have elapsed since I moved away; only two or three of the former members are to be seen. The rest have died or moved to other parts.

The Association sermon, by request of the appointee of the previous session, was preached by Bro. Rowe, our Secretary, and a capital sermon it was, on "What think ye of Christ?" He presented Christ first in his humility as David's son, and then in his divinity as David's Lord. It was truly uplifting and full of comfort to the saints.

The reading of the letters showed an increase in the membership of the body, and also an increase in the contributions from some of the churches; at least, the former moderator, Bro. J. E. Thigpen, was re-elected to that position, and Bro. N. T. Nichols was elected clerk, and Bro. J. C. White, treasurer, and the body moved along in the transaction of its usual routine of business.

The report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, by Bro. J. P. Hamby, was an excellently prepared paper, and was ably discussed by several brethren, showing commendable interest in the education of our young ministers, also in our college. The Copiah Association has been a large contributor in boys as well as money to the college.

The report on missions, State, home and foreign, by Bro. Pace, was another splendid document, and embodied some very interesting facts and figures, specially touching our State work. Bro. Rowe made a stirring speech on this report. It was discussed also by other brethren.

The other reports were generally good, and were fairly discussed. The body adjourned each day for preaching. On Friday, Bro. Pace gave us a feast of good things in a sermon, which was followed by another excellent effort on Saturday by Bro. J. P. Hamby.

Sunday morning a Sunday School mass meeting was held, in which was considered the report of Sunday Schools by Dr. E. A. Rowan. Some interesting Sunday School talks were made by Brethren Rowan, Bullock and others. At the preaching hour, Bro. J. C. Farrar held forth in the house and Bro. Pace at the "stand." Both sermons were good.

The exercises closed in the evening with a largely attended mass meeting in the interest of missions, presided over by Bro. Robt. Purser.

This was one of the most pleasant and harmonious associations I have attended this fall. Bro. Thigpen presides with ease and dignity, and is one of the most courteous moderators I have ever seen.

The hospitality of the Sardis people was excellent. Bro. Ashley, the splendid chairman of the committee on entertainment, was careful from day to day to see that each delegate and visitor had a home.

SOME CHIPS.

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money the brethren put in our hands in the best way possible to build up the cause of Christ."—A. V. Rowe.

"I would as soon go into the presence of my Master having disobeyed his command to be baptized, as to go there having no inclination in my heart to give the gospel to the nations."—Rowe.

"Christ looked after the little things of life, that many of us are inclined to slight."—J. K. Pace.

"The word in the Bible that is rendered 'power' is the same word that is translated *dynamic*, hence, it would be correct to say: 'The gospel is the dynamic of God to the salvation of every one that believeth.'"—W. F. Yarbrough.

May this comparatively young association live long to do valiant service for God.

H. M. LONG.

The Delta.

This part of the country is neither so bad nor unhealthy as people afar off think. Yet sinners and chills and fevers are not a novelty in this bottom. Intelligence and good society are more in the ascendant than those "in the hills" think. One of the great needs on this rich soil is more Baptist preaching, by more and stronger Baptist preachers. Baptists ought to occupy this whole Delta; and be quick about it too. If we wait long the Methodists will fill every corner where there is room for a "bush arbor." I will tell you more, soon. My good friends in the eastern part of the State will be glad to learn that some of my work down here is encouraging.

At Enon, in Tallahatchie county, with the noble help of Elder D. H. S. Cox, we held a meeting in July, resulting in seventeen baptisms, and in all, thirty-one additions, besides several that did not join the Baptists. At Belen, in Quitman county, without any protracted meeting, we have had nine additions. We have good and growing interest at other places.

A. P. COPELAND,
Friars Point, Miss.

Notice.

The Executive Board of Central Association, which is composed of the officers of the association, together with Brethren J. L. Pettigrew, Z. T. Leavelle, W. T. Ratliff, S. E. Dudley, H. T. Lewis and J. A. Snyder, will meet at Clinton on Wednesday, November 4, instead of Tuesday the 3rd, the same being the day of our national election. A full meeting is desired.

J. S. RISER, Clerk.

DEAR RECORD:—Bro. B. R. Hughey, of Ackerman, spent several days with us recently. While here he delivered his very interesting lecture, "Nine Gallons of Facts in a Leaking Pan," which was enjoyed by all present. He also preached two most excellent sermons.

His lecture is moral and brimful of truth. Every man, woman and child in the land should hear it.

Fraternally,
W. H. LANTRIP,
Lee, Miss., October 8, 1896.

MARRIED.

By Rev. W. A. Roper, near Crane, Clarke county, Miss., Oct. 25, 1896. Mr. L. L. Shos

The groom is superintendent of pany at New Orleans.

education in Clark county, and the bride a graduate of Blue Mountain and a successful teacher. Both are devoted Baptists.

By Rev. W. A. Roper at the home of the bride's mother in the southern part of Jasper county, Miss., on Aug. 30, 1896, Mr. W. E. Wade and Miss Doyie Walters. These are both promising young Baptists from the writer's own flock. May God grant them much happiness and usefulness.

W. A. ROPER.

This note of invitation tells its own sweet story and places us under lasting obligations. These young people have in advance our very best wishes for a long, useful and happy life: Mrs. J. U. McCormick requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Grace, to William O. Guice, Wednesday evening, Oct. 23, 8 o'clock, at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist church, Meridian, Miss., 1896.

Special Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Convention Board in the Mission Rooms at Jackson, November 10, at 9:30 a. m. This is the regular annual meeting at which appropriations for the year 1897 will be made. All applications should be sent as early as possible to

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DIED

Mrs. Addie Perkins.

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Sister Addie Perkins was born in Lauderdale county, Miss., May 23, 1882, and was married to Bro. I. S. Perkins, April 11, 1895. She professed faith in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Bay Springs church, Aug. 2, 1896, and her Christian life, exemplary and consistent.

On Sept. 21, 1896, after a short illness, surrounded by a heart broken husband and mother and a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, she fell peacefully asleep in Jesus.

We never saw a community more deeply grieved, a sorrow more keenly felt. But we try to look away from our sorrow and enter into the feelings of the husband and mother. Their homes are desolate, their hearts are crushed; but we pray the Holy Spirit may comfort them in this, their hour of sorrow, and that they may be enabled, by an eye of faith, to look beyond the dark clouds of sorrow and gloom and behold the dear wife and daughter, basking in the sunshine of God's smiles in that beautiful land, where sorrow and parting shall be no more.

Sleep on, sweet Addie! You cannot come back to us, but we may go to you, and all be reunited in that "land that is fairer than day."

JACKIE A. PUCKETT,
WILLIE E. JAMES,
ROSA MCDADE,
Committee.

Sucarnochee, Miss., Oct. 6, 1896.

At her home on the evening of the 17th of Sept. 1896, nine miles south of meridian. Sister Ella Hawkins, wife of Alex Hawkins. She was smitten with typhoid fever, of which she suffered greatly for several weeks. She bore her suffering with the patience of a Christian, till the angel of death relieved her, and she was called home to meet those who had gone before, among whom was a little son who had been gone but 12 months and 7 days, and another son who had been gone 8 days. The subject of this notice was born July 4, 1855. She had been a member of New Hope Baptist church about 23 years, was noble and kind-hearted and loved by all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by her own family and friends. We are fully assured that she is resting in the arms of

sympathy.

Yes, when her eyes were closed in death. Her earthly pilgrimage quite done. She bid farewell to all below And went to meet her friends at home.

And now we want these lines To be inscribed upon her tomb: Here lies the dust of E. W. H. Her spirit rests with God at home.

H. A. PICKARD.

Whereas, It has pleased our heavenly Father in his wisdom, to remove from our midst our brother, H. L. White, who departed this life Aug. 12, 1896, and

Whereas, In his death his wife and children have sustained an irreparable loss, and our church has lost one of her most useful and esteemed members; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who does all things well, and extend to the family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, and pray the divine consolation upon them.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our church record, that a copy be furnished the bereaved family; also that a copy be forwarded to THE BAPTIST RECORD for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. TUGLER,
S. H. DAWSON,
M. K. SCHILLING,
Committee.

Amite River Baptist church, Amite county, Miss., Sept. 19, 1896.

Miss May McGhee died Sept 24, 1896. She professed faith in Christ and joined Mt. Zion Baptist church, Franklin county, Miss., last June, and in July it was my happy privilege to baptize her and thirteen others. Twelve days after she was baptized, she took the meningitis—she was baptized nine weeks before she died; during that time, she said she was ready to die—willing to go when the Lord saw fit to call her from this world of sorrow to that land of rest.

And there where the white-robed angels are,
Within the gate that's left ajar,
Would seek to dwell in the land of the blest

Forever with God's saints at rest.

J. E. LOWE.

Literary Notes.

The Review of Reviews for October continues its admirable record of the Presidential campaign. In the July, August, and September numbers, the Republican, Democrats, and Populist conventions were reviewed, together with the careers of the nominees. In the October number, the movement of the "sound-money" Democrats, culminating in the Indianapolis convention, receives similar attention. No other publication in the country offers in a single number such a wealth of political portraiture, or so wide a range of cartoon illustrations. Every noteworthy phase of the canvass is fully and impartially presented. Material is gathered from every source and carefully digested.

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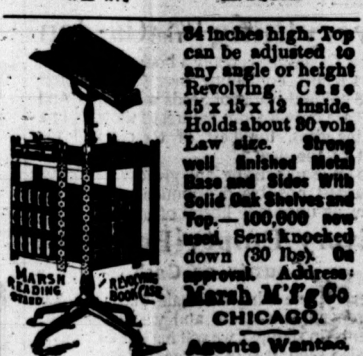
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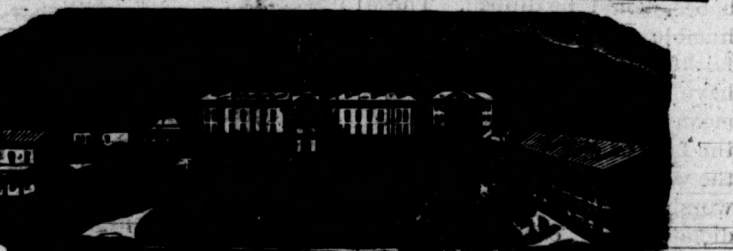


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